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SUBJ: UN ASKS IF US WILL REPLACE UNTSO COLONEL WITH

LT. COLONEL

REF: JERUSALEM 300 AND 316

1. AS FORSEEN REFTELS, UN SECRETARIAT (LIU) HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED US THAT SOVIET COL. BELIK IS BEING REPLACED BY A LT. COLONEL AND ASKED IF USG WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO ASSIGN A LT. COLONEL AS SENIOR US MILITARY OBSERVER IN UNTSO. LIU SAID SECRETARIAT BELIEVED REDUCTION IN RANKS OF SENIOR US AND SOVIET OBSERVERS MADE SENSE SINCE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES WERE NOT COMMENSURATE WITH FULL COLONEL RANK. HE SAID SOVIET MISSION TO UN HAD INDICATED THAT REPLACEMENT OF COL. BELIK BY LT. COLONEL WAS CONTINGENT ON US DOING LIKEWISE.

2. LIU SAID THAT IF US WAS AGREEABLE TO MUTUAL REDUCTION OF SENIOR OFFICERS' RANKS, HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REPLACE COL. ROSS, PRESENT SUSMO, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONFIDENTIAL

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HE REALIZED ROSS HAD ONLY RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THE FIELD,

BUT THOUGHT HE MIGHT NOT BE AVERSE TO LEAVING JOB WHICH WAS NOT VERY CHALLENGING.

3. WE TOLD LIU WE THOUGHT ONE OF PRINCIPAL US CONCERNS WOULD BE TO ASSURE THAT ANY REDUCTION IN RANK OF US AND SOVIET SENIOR OBSERVERS DID NOT IN ANY WAY IMPAIR TRADITIONAL US ASSIGNMENT OF LT. COLONEL AS UNTSO OPERATIONS OFFICER. WE BELIEVED US WOULD PROBABLY WANT A UN ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD RESIST ANY SOVIET EFFORT TO DISLODGE US FROM OPERATIONS OFFICER POSITION ON GROUND THAT US HAD TWO LT. COLONELS IN UNTSO TO SOVIETS' ONE.

4. SUBJECT CONDITIONS PARA 4 ABOVE WE RECOMMEND US AGREE THAT SENIOR US OBSERVER WILL BE OF LT. COL. RANK IN FUTURE. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPLY TO UN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SCALI

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